

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

Area Committee Report

To: COATBRIDGE AREA COMMITTEE		Subject: Small Communities Projects
From: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT		
Date: 13 September 2005	DPT/01/03/KPL	

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise Committee of the progress made on projects relating to the Small Communities Programme within the Coatbridge area.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Area Committee of February 1st 2005 agreed to prioritise projects for delivery within 3 categories and that the Director of Planning & Environment proceeds with the delivery of those which fell within Category 1.
- 2.2 As a result of this commitment from the Area Committee, the Planning & Environment Department is progressing the design and details on a range of schemes within the Coatbridge Area.
- 2.3 Consultation with the local community through Elected members and community groups has been undertaken prior to the finalisation of detailed designs for those schemes to be delivered in the 05/06 financial year. The consultation process has produced positive results to date, with most of the proposed projects addressing the initial concerns identified by those who suggested them in the first instance.

3. 2005/06 Projects

- 3.1 An update of all projects put forward to date is outlined on the attached Appendix. The Area Committee previously approved projects to achieve the £60,000 spend for this financial year 2005/6. The remaining projects will continue to be progressed and details reported to future Area Committees.
- 3.2 Martin Berkley Environmental Design has prepared detailed designs for those projects to be delivered this financial year. The tender process to appoint a contractor is currently underway. It is anticipated that work will begin on the various sites in October.
- 3.3 More suggestions and ideas are required for projects in 2006/7. The increased budget in 2006/7 will allow a greater number of projects to be delivered but time will be required to work up the ideas. As such suggestions are sought from the community and should be forwarded to the Director of Planning & Environment.

- 3.4 The upgrading of the area of derelict land adjacent to the bus turning circle in Carnbroe Road has been recently completed, with the erection of a feature wall and decorative planting, which serves as a gateway entrance to the Carnbroe area. The original concept for this site was driven by the local community groups seeking to improve a highly visible eyesore on Carnbroe Road.
- 3.5 A marketing programme for the Small Communities Fund is currently being developed in order to raise awareness within communities across North Lanarkshire and promote good work achieved through the initiative. This programme will publicise the Small Communities Fund through next year and beyond.

4 Recommendations

- a) It is recommended that the Committee notes progress made on delivering Small Communities Projects in Coatbridge.



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APPENDIX: SMALL COMMUNITIES PROJECTS

Category	Site Location/Name	Progress Update
1	St.Boswells Drive / Carnbroe Road.	Detailed designs have been prepared for this scheme by the appointed consultant. The improvements will include cutting back of existing overgrowth and appropriate replanting. The project will be delivered this financial year.
1	Centre Street, Glenboig	Detailed designs have been prepared for this scheme by the appointed consultant. The improvements will consist of planting, resurfacing of footpaths as required, and repairs to existing steps, walls and railings. The project will be delivered this financial year.
1	Woodside Street / Torriden Street.	Detailed designs have been prepared for this scheme by the appointed consultant. The improvements will include new / replacement planting, and new fencing to replace the existing palisade fencing. Due to budget constraints, this project will be delivered early in the next financial year.
1	Townhead – Leven Road / Morar Crescent.	The appointed consultant has prepared plans for the redesign of the existing raised planter beds, with resurfacing of the footpath network in this area, which has been badly affected by the roots of a mature tree. The project will be delivered this financial year.
1	Southfield Crescent.	Consultants have been appointed to take forward a programme of tidying the site and preparing a detailed planting design to improve this area of open space. Due to budget constraints, this project will be delivered early in the next financial year.
2	Kirkwood – Open space area at Renfrew Street.	This site is on the Vacant and Derelict Land Register and is a valuable asset to the local community. This scale of project requires additional funding to the small communities budget and requires further input with other departments / agencies to carry a development forward.
2	Cumrae Crescent	An outline design has been prepared for this scheme after further discussion with the community representatives. It is intended that this project will be undertaken in the next financial year.

2	Paddock Street	Further clarification is required on this project, following which a Consultant will take forward the proposal and prepare detailed designs.
3	Kirkshaws – Woodhall Ave. Local Shopping Area	There is potential to enhance the shopping area and the adjoining area of open space for community use. This could be delivered through the Neighbourhood Centres programme, which will be delivered across North Lanarkshire.
3	Townhead – Leven Road Local Shopping Area	There is potential to enhance the shopping area and the adjoining area of open space for community use. This could be delivered through the Neighbourhood Centres programme, which will be delivered across North Lanarkshire.
3	Townhead – Gartsherrie Local Shopping Area	There is potential to enhance the shopping area and the adjoining area of open space for community use. This could be delivered through the Neighbourhood Centres programme, which will be delivered across North Lanarkshire.
3	Cliftonville – Kildonan Street (opposite park)	There is scope for enhancement of the existing flowerbeds and this could be included within Community Services regular maintenance regime.
3	Bank Street – approaches to Coatdyke	This project can be tied in to the wider Coatbridge town centre improvements programme, and requires additional input from other departments.

Category 1 projects to be implemented through the money available from the Small Communities Budget.

Category 2 projects that require additional finance and resources from a range of partners which to date has not been secured.

Category 3 projects more appropriately led and delivered from other funding sources or organisations.